

Senate Bill No. 666

CHAPTER 721

An act to add Sections 7574.5 and 7574.7 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to security services.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 666, Maldonado. Proprietary security services.

Existing law, the Proprietary Security Services Act, requires a person who meets the definition of a proprietary private security officer to register with the Department of Consumer Affairs.

This bill would require a proprietary private security officer to complete training in security officer skills within a specified period of time. The bill would require the department to develop and approve a standard course and curriculum for the skills training, to be administered by an employer, an organization, or a school approved by the department. For that purpose, the bill would require the department to convene an advisory committee composed of specified parties in order to develop a curriculum that features certain skills, courses, and hours of instruction. The bill would exempt peace officers meeting certain criteria from this requirement. The bill would make these provisions applicable on and after July 1, 2009, to any person hired as a proprietary private security officer on and after January 1, 2009, and for a person hired before January 1, 2009, these provisions would become applicable on and after January 1, 2010. The bill would, on and after January 1, 2009, require proprietary private security officer employers to provide annual review or practice training and to maintain records thereof, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7574.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

7574.5. (a) Except for a person who has completed the course of training required by Section 7583.45, a person registered pursuant to this chapter shall complete training in security officer skills within six months from the date upon which evidence of registration is issued, or within six months of his or her employment with a proprietary private security officer employer.

(b) A course provider shall issue a certificate to a proprietary private security officer upon satisfactory completion of a required course, conducted in accordance with the department's requirements. An employer of a

proprietary private security officer may provide training programs and courses in addition to the training required in this section.

(c) The department shall develop and approve by regulation a standard course and curriculum for the skills training required by subdivision (a) to promote and protect the safety of persons and the security of property. For this purpose, the department shall, before June 30, 2008, convene an advisory committee consisting of security directors at proprietary facilities, including, but not limited to, sports or entertainment complex owners, retailers, and restaurants, labor organizations representing security officers, law enforcement representatives, representatives of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, subject matter experts, and other interested parties in order to develop a curriculum for the training of proprietary security officers that features skills, courses, and a minimum number of hours of instruction appropriate to a proprietary private security officer's worksite or industry. The advisory committee shall not include any representation from private patrol operators, or any trade association representing private patrol operators or security guards or officers.

(d) The course of training required by subdivision (a) may be administered, tested, and certified by any proprietary private security officer employer, organization, or school approved by the department. The department may approve any proprietary private security officer employer, organization, or school to teach the course.

(e) (1) On and after January 1, 2009, a proprietary private security officer employer shall annually provide each employee registered pursuant to this chapter with specifically dedicated review or practice of security officer skills prescribed in the course required in this section. The minimum number of hours shall be established by regulation pursuant to the recommendations of the advisory committee.

(2) A proprietary private security officer employer shall maintain at the principal place of business or branch office a record verifying completion of the review or practice training for a period of not less than two years. The records shall be available for inspection by the department upon request.

(f) This section does not apply to a peace officer as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code who has successfully completed a course of study in the exercise of the power to arrest approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. This section does not apply to armored vehicle guards.

SEC. 2. Section 7574.7 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

7574.7. Section 7574.5 shall apply on and after July 1, 2009, to any person hired as a proprietary private security officer on and after January 1, 2009. For a person hired as a proprietary private security officer before January 1, 2009, that section shall apply on and after January 1, 2010.